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SUBJ: NORTH KOREAN VISIT TO MALAYSIA; KOREAN ISSUES IN UN

AND NONALIGNED CONFERENCE

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B) KL 4495

C) STATE 186527

1. NORTH KOREAN DEPUTY PREMIER/FOREIGN MINISTER HO TAM

LED DELEGATION TO KUALA LUMPUR AUG 5 - 7. ACCESSIBILITY

OF TOP GOM OFFICIALS WAS CURTAILED BECAUSE OF JAPANESE RED

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ARMY TERRORIST INCIDENT, BUT HO TAM WAS ABLE TO MEET NEWLY

APPOINTED FOREIGN MINISTER TENGKU AHMAD RITHAUDDEEN AND PRIME MINISTER RAZAK. ACCORDING TO FONMIN PRINCIPAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY (PAS) FOR EAST ASIA (ZAINAL ABIDIN BIN IBRAHIM) MAIN TOPIC RAISED IN SUBSTANTIVE TALKS WAS ISSUE OF DPRK ADMITTANCE TO THE NONALIGNED CONFERENCE (NAC). THIS WAS CONFIRMED BY ROK EMBASSY COUNSELLOR KIM WHO ALSO TOLD US DPRK DID NOT OBTAIN ANY "PLEDGES" FROM GOM ON NAC OR UNGA ISSUES.

2. DESPITE FAVORABLE PERSONAL IMAGE PRESENTED BY HO TAM (WHO ACCORDING TO ZAINAL IS MUCH MORE COSMOPOLITAN THAN MOST NORTH KOREANS) GOM IS DETERMINED TO STICK TO ITS POSITION THAT BOTH NORTH AND SOUTH KOREAN APPLICATIONS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BY NAC; GOM IS, HOWEVER, PESSIMISTIC ABOUT SOUTH KOREAN CHANCES FOR NAC MEMBERSHIP. ZAINAL ALSO SAID THAT GOM WOULD ABSTAIN IN ANY VOTE ON UN MEMBERSHIP FOR SOUTH KOREA UNLESS NORTH KOREA HAD INDICATED IT AGREED TO SUCH MEMBERSHIP. WITH REGARD TO THE UNGA FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA, ZAINAL SAID THAT GOM'S POSITION WOULD DEPEND VERY MUCH ON PRC ATTITUDE (SIC). ACCORDING TO ZAINAL, BECAUSE NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA, PRC AND UNWERE SIGNATORIES TO THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT, ANY ACTION TO CHANGE IT SHOULD HAVE CONCURRENCE OF AT LEAST THREE OF THE FOUR PARTIES. IF THE MALAYSIAN POSITION, AS EXPLAINED BY ZAINAL, PREVAILS, WE COULD PROBABLY EXPECT NO BETTER THAN AN ABSTENTION IN THE UNGA ON OUR RESOLUTION ON DISSOLUTION OF THE UN COMMAND.

3. IN RELATED CONVERSATION, ROK AMBASSADOR CHYUN (ON EVE OF HIS DEPARTURE FOR LIMA WHERE HE WILL PARTICIPATE IN LOBBYING EFFORT) TOLD CHARGE THAT MALAYSIA PROBABLY WILL NOT TAKE LEAD AT LIMA IN SPEAKING UP FOR ROK MEMBERSHIP IN NAC. ACCORDING TO AMBASSADOR CHYUN, FONMIN SECRETARY-GENERAL ZAITON SAID THAT GOM DELEGATION WOULD "WAIT AND SEE WHAT OTHERS DID." AMBASSADOR CHYUN THEREFORE BELIEVES THAT ANOTHER COUNTRY MUST SPEAK ON ROK'S BEHALF FIRST, THEN MALAYSIANS WOULD CHIME IN. ALSO, ZAITON APPARENTLY MADE IT CLEAR THAT MALAYSIANS BELIEVE THEY WENT TOO FAR IN NAC BUREAU MEETINGS IN DEFENDING ROK APPLICATION ON PROCEDURAL GROUNDS, AND CONSEQUENTLY THEY ARE DRAWING BACK A BIT NOW.

4. COMMENT: JUDGING FROM THESE CONVERSATIONS LATE LAST WEEK, CONFIDENTIAL

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WE DO NOT BELIEVE THAT GOM CAN BE FIRMLY COUNTED AMONG PRIMARY GROUP OF ROK SUPPORTERS PER PARA 2 REF B. AS WE HAVE NOTED IN OTHER REPORTS, GOM ASSIDOUSLY AVOIDS BEING CAUGHT IN MIDDLE ON ANY DIPLOMATIC CONFLICT BUT IF TIDE SEEMS TO BE DRIFTING IN ROK'S FAVOR, MALAYSIANS MAY PITCH IN ON OUR SIDE. HOWEVER, DPRK AND ITS SUPPORTERS LIKEWISE ARE WITHOUT GOM'S COMMITMENT ON THEIR BEHALF.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: WOULD APPRECIATE DEPARTMENT'S COMMENTS
ON LEGAL POINT PER PARA 2 ABOVE SO THAT WE MAY FOLLOW UP WITH
FOREIGN MINISTRY.
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